Transport Facility to Cabin Crew of Air India.

784. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cabin crew of Air India has been provided with pick up facility from their respective residences on selective basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in view of the non-availability of quarters, a large number of crew have taken accommodation in Northern suburbans of Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Thane; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to provide transport or reimburse conveyance for such cabincrew ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Air India provides pick up facility to cabin crew from their residence within the approved pick-up areas.

(b) 179 cabin crew are staying in the Northern suburbs of Bombay and 3 in New Bombay which are not within the pick up area.

(c) Such of the crew members who reside outside the pick up area are reimbursed transportation charges to and from the airport. Air India is introducing extension of crew transport facilities upto Borivli on the western suburbs and upto Mulund on the Eastern suburbs, for cabin crew during the period 8.00 P.M. to 6.00 A.M.

Developing Kanya Kumari as a Tourist Spot

785. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of CIVIAL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to make Kanyakumari as a tourist spot by providing infrastructure facilities through Tourism Department.

(b) whether there is any proposal to have a major park, aquarium, boating in the sea and boat service from Kanyakumari to Kovalam by providing financial assistance to the Tamil Nadu Government ?

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Kanya Kumari is one of the important tourist centres in the country and the Central Department of Tourism has extended financial assistance amounting to Rs. 89.64 lakhs for development of tourism infrastructure facilities at Kanya Kumari as per the details given below :—

S.No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1.	Ferry launch for Kanya Kumari	39.07
2.	Floodlighting at Vivekanand Rock Memorial, Kanya Kumari	11.19
3.	Beautification of Beach at Kanya Kumari	6.00
4.	Upgradation of TTDC Unit at Kanya Kumari	10.00